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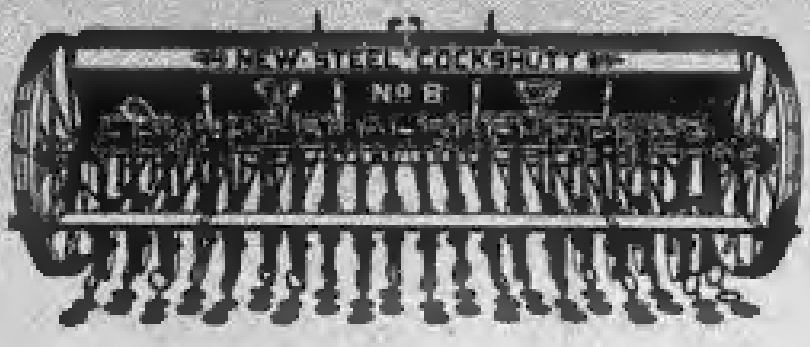

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EDITORIAL

THE U.F.A. COMES OF AGE

In thoughtful discussion of the problems of the Association and of public business, and the thoroughness with which the delegates applied themselves to their duties of the week, the Annual Convention of 1930 was outstanding. There have been larger Conventions and many which have proved much more controversial, but perhaps there has been none at which so many delegates have made contributions of high quality to the debates.

There was a marked tendency throughout the week to concentrate upon questions of major importance. The fact that the discussions centred largely around subjects in which the delegates felt themselves to be vitally concerned as farmers and citizens was no doubt responsible, in large measure, for the readiness with which they placed at the disposal of the Convention their own fund of knowledge and experience.

One of the principal achievements of the United Farmers of Alberta in the twenty-one years of the history of the Association, has been the improvement of the standards of citizenship—an improvement which is today manifest in many quarters, but in none more clearly than in the quality of the debates of the annual parliament of the Alberta farmers' primary organization.

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TWO MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE U.F.A.

In his fourteenth annual address to the U.F.A. Convention, President Wood described the creation of the "Citizenship Pool" and of the Wheat Pool as the two most distinctive achievements of the farmers' primary organization.

In 1921—the year of the first and most spectacular Province-wide successes of the farmers in the development of the "Citizenship Pool"—the membership of the U.F.A. in all branches was 37,721 persons, of whom 31,308 were in the U.F.A., 4,536 in the U.F.W.A., and 1,497 in the Junior branch. The number of farmers enrolled in the primary organization was thus greater than the total number who in 1923 signed the contract of the Alberta Wheat Pool.

Since the organization made possible the formation of the U.F.A. Government, sent the first U.F.A. group to the House of Commons, and created the Wheat Pool, there has been a heavy decline in U.F.A. membership, but as events have shown, this decline does not indicate loss of support at the polls for the farmers' representatives. The great majority of farmers, including those who have never been members or who have allowed their membership to lapse, are believers in the Citizenship Pool. For in 1926 the U.F.A. Government was returned with an increased majority, and in every Federal constituency in which the United Farmers of Alberta nominated a candidate, with the exception of one, these representatives were returned to Parliament. Actual membership had declined, but the number of adherents of the movement continued to be approximately the same as in 1921.

It is evident, therefore, that actual membership is no fair criterion of the number of adherents of the "Citizenship Pool." Far from being diminished, the influence of this Pool has become greater, for the years have brought increasing recognition of the invaluable services rendered to the whole of Alberta by the Government at Edmonton and the group in the Dominion Parliament. The vast majority of members of the farmers' economic enterprises are also adherents of the farmers movement in all its branches, though they may not have maintained their membership.

The provision of adequate services by the primary organization, however, depends largely upon the building up of an enlarged membership and we would therefore urge all farmers

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Premier Brings Greetings of the Alberta Government at Opening Session of Convention

Reviews Decade of Progress in Alberta's History

As I am called upon from week to week to meet gatherings of citizens there is no invitation that comes to me with greater delight so far as I am personally concerned than the invitation to come and take a little part in the opening of the Convention of the U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. It is a pleasure to me because, as I look around this gathering this morning, I see so many people with whom I have been associated now for some ten or twelve years in work that is of importance to you, and of interest to the Province of Alberta. I see the faces of those with whom I have worked, with whom I have had the pleasure of agreeing, and I see the faces of some with whom I have had to disagree at times, but whether in agreement or disagreement I have always found that they have had an eye singly to one thing—to improve the conditions of the people of Alberta, and to make the men and women of Alberta a little happier than they were before.

It is a delight to appear before a Convention that can look back over a term of years and show the improvement that can be shown through the constructive effort of the U.F.A. and U.F.W.A.

Conditions in the Province

When I come before you in 1930 to bring to you the very sincere greetings of those who are for the present forming the Executive Council of the Province, I know that first of all as I speak to those who come from all over the Province, I am speaking to those who understand better than anyone else that the conditions in the Province are not what they were when I appeared before you last year in the city of Edmonton. It is idle for us to say conditions are as good and as prosperous as we would wish. We know that in parts there is suffering, in some parts extreme suffering; in some parts conditions have been fair. Only too well, as head of the Government, do I know that we are spending some two or three thousand dollars a day to help those who have no jobs, no means whatever of buying food and clothes. This condition is not peculiar to the cities alone but applies to some rural parts of the Province. What should our attitude be? Should a Convention of this kind open with any feeling of pessimism or should it open with the same feelings of courage that have characterized gatherings of this kind since the Province began?

Progress in Past Decade

We must look back over a period of more than one year to another to estimate the progress that has been made. And this fact does remain, that we can enter upon a new decade with a feeling that the past decade at least has been a decade that has been marked by progress and progress along many lines. The condition of our people today is much better than it was at the first of January, 1920. That is shown in many ways. If you ask yourself what are the various elements that enter into the success of agriculture, then you can hardly point to a single element that does not show improvement. First of all (and I am not trying to take these in the order of importance) transportation—surely a very essential element; and we do know today that the development of our transportation systems by rail, that the development of our highway systems throughout this Province, are vastly improved, possibly not as far as you would like, but infinitely better than in 1920. Marketing agencies—of these I know you will hear from your esteemed chairman this morning, when I have finished. And again I think that while you will probably have learned the lesson that reform of all kinds is slow, notwithstanding, you have made wonderful progress since your marketing organization was formed. The farmers of Alberta stand in the forefront of agriculture wherever that activity is carried on.

HON. J. E. BROWNLEE

In your educational system throughout the Province, in the training the boys and girls, and in the position of public health institutions, remarkable progress indeed has been made in the last ten years. Today we know that not only in this Province but in other Provinces of Canada public health has gained in importance as one of the items to which Governments and peoples should turn their attention in a way that was not even dreamed of ten years ago.

Road With Winding Curves

I well could bring greetings to a convention of United Farmers and congratulations because of what they have done in the past ten years. Now, as we go on, we have to remember that we are travelling a road that has its winding curves, and that we go down through the valleys and up over the hills. We take strength because of what has been accomplished in the past, and we look to the future with courage and with hope just in proportion as we have the spirit to travel that road. Now are we going to obtain the spirit and to keep the spirit that will enable us to travel that highway? I am one who believes in organization if that organization is based on co-operation and understanding. More than anything else we are in a position in this Province to face those hills, those difficulties, just in proportion as men can stand with men and women with women, not only in the same industries but in different industries; just in that proportion can we make the rapid progress that we can hope to make as citizens of this country. I am going to close what I have to say by just this one further thought, as one who represents the Government and whose duty it is to try to carry into legislative and administrative action many of the things that do affect you: I have long ago come to this very very profound conviction, that while leadership is necessary and while it is desirable that those in positions of trust, whether in Governments or organizations, should be blessed with certain powers of constructive imagination, progress is rapid or progress is slow depending upon the loyalty and enthusiasm of Labor and Farmers' organizations, and of various forms of organization that we find. Organized effort can be more efficient than unorganized effort.

When our citizens became organized, whether as Labor or Farmer, I only ask that they be organized in that co-operative spirit for the purpose of dealing with the problems which they face, and which the Government faces. If we can get that faithfulness and loyalty of spirit that will enable them to develop these organizations in the proper spirit, then, so far as I am concerned, we may have our good years or our bad years—we may obtain our natural resources or we may not—but notwithstanding all these things I have no fear of the future, because I know that a united people, a conscientious people, a people banded together to follow certain ideals, to follow those ideals with a spirit of good understanding, cannot fail and will not fail, and will accomplish those things for the Province of Alberta that you and I have desired to accomplish for the Province.

May I bring to your Convention the very best greetings from the Government of the Province, and express the hope that this Convention may prove to be one of the best in spirit and in action that the U.F.A. has had in its long history.

EDUCATION AND "PROPAGANDA"

"No matter how 'impartially' facts are stated, such statements are, and obviously must be, stated from a particular basis, or groundwork, of assumed truth. It can be shown, therefore, that all education is propaganda—especially that which pretends not to be, and sincerely believes that it is able to present information impartially, fairly, and without bias."
—John Hargrave in *The New Age*.

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Coming-of-Age Convention of the U.F.A. Reveals Maturity and Vigor of Movement

Problems of Organization, Province and Nation Ably Debated at Gathering in Calgary, Attended by 498 Delegates

Marking the close of twenty-one years of steady and persistent effort to raise the status of the industry of agriculture and the standards of citizenship throughout rural Alberta, the Coming-of-Age Convention of the United Farmers of Alberta was a memorable event in the history of the Association and of the Province.

Combining enthusiasm with balanced judgment, it revealed, in the course of the debates of the week, a degree of maturity of thought applied to experience such as few if any previous Conventions have made evident. It established more firmly, in the minds of many observers of our movement, as well as in the minds of the farm men and women who were present to participate in the proceedings, the claim that this annual gathering of the organized citizens of rural Alberta is the most vital and in every way the most significant of any held within the borders of the Province. It established more firmly the reputation for progressive leadership which the primary organization of the Alberta farmers has built up through the years.

It gave evidence also of an increasing tendency among the delegates to distinguish between the important and the comparatively unimportant, and to concentrate on issues of most vital concern to the Association, to the Province and to the Nation.

The convention was attended by 498 registered delegates and a large number of visitors.

Promptly at 10 o'clock the Convention was called to order by President Wood, and after the benediction has been pronounced by the Rev. J. E. Todd, pastor of the church, Lieutenant-Governor Egbert delivered an address of welcome, remarking that the large gathering of representatives of the organized farmers gave evidence of their determination to carry on in the face of every discouragement, in their efforts to raise the status of their industry. He expressed satisfaction that great progress was being made in scientific farming, and in co-operative marketing. "In this matter," he said, "no other Province has gone so far as you." The farmers of every wheat growing area of the world looked to Alberta for inspiration and leadership.

Following the address of Premier Brownlee, which is published elsewhere, Mayor A. Davison of Calgary delivered an address of welcome. People of the urban centres, he said, were deeply interested in the welfare of the rural community. Mr. Davison remarked that the Lieutenant-Governor and Mr. Brownlee were welcomed as old Calgarians, while President Wood was a familiar figure on the streets of the city. The Mayor declared that in his opinion the U.F.A. Convention was the most important as well as the largest of the various Conventions meeting in Calgary from time to time.

Convention Chairmen

President Wood then called for nominations for the chairmanship of the Convention. Robert Gardiner, M.P., was elected to that position, together with E. J. Garland, M.P., and Hugh Critchlow as assistant chairmen. On taking the chair Mr. Gardiner assured the delegates that the chairmen would endeavor to carry on the business so that no time would be wasted and that every delegate would have proper opportunity to participate in the proceedings.

The following committees were elected by the Convention, on recommendation of the Board of Directors:

Credentials Committee—J. C. Buckley, M.L.A., George Church, H. G. Young.

Ushering Committee—Glen Storie, W. R. McGowan, R. Pye, Charles Mills.

Order of Business Committee—A. F. Aitken, J. K. Sutherland, J. Fowlie, H. Critchlow.

Entertainment Committee—D. MacLachlan, H. B. MacLeod, I. V. Macklin.

Resolutions Committee—H. Hansen, J. E. Brown, J. A. Johansen.

President Wood then delivered his fourteenth annual address, and at its conclusion the applause was long continued. The address of Mrs. A. H. Warr, President of the U.F.W.A., met with cordial expressions of approval, as did that of Charles Mills, Junior President, which followed.

In discussion of the report of the Central Board, at the afternoon session, a question was asked in regard to the cutting down of services given by Central Office which it had been indicated the financial position might make needful. A delegate expressed the opinion that the time had come for a recommendation to be made for an increase of the dues of the Association, and that the Board should bring such a proposal to the Convention. "An increase in our dues," said the delegate, "seems to be the way to meet the situation." He thought the Directors should have reported to this effect if they believed such action desirable.

Financial Statements

The financial statement, presented in behalf of the Board by Mr. Scholefield, showed a deficit for the year of $4,606.49. Dues from all branches of the association totalled $19,708.46, with $1,240.20 in addition. Cook Book sales totalled $1,335.15; donation from the U.G.G., $3,500. Organization expenses were $9,034.62; field work expense $6,854.30; committee expense $775.15; Central Office expense $7,689.20; sundry expense $8,471.57, including paid to newspaper (by way of subscription for all members, at 50 cents per annum), $5,064.24. Mr. Fearnehough and Mr. Haskins urged that members should make a point of patronizing *The U.F.A.* advertisers.

Mr. Axelson asked whether it were not the case that the grant from the U.G.G. had originally been given on the understanding that the U.F.A. was not to go into commercial enterprise. There was nothing in the constitution, said Mr. Scholefield, to prevent the organization taking this course.

Another delegate asked whether the Wheat Pool had made any grant to the U.F.A., remarking that as the Pool was the child of the Association, this would seem appropriate. Mr. Scholefield replied that no grant had been received.

The report of *The U.F.A.* newspaper showed a deficit for the last financial year of $2,525.26. This matter is dealt with in the Board's report on the paper published elsewhere in this issue. Following adoption of a resolution on the Australian Treaty and two resolutions on the tariff reported on another page, a resolution stating that as the Egg and Poultry Pool had asked for an increase in the tariff on eggs, the Association go on record as being opposed to the principle of protection was read. After discussion, an amendment that the first clause of the resolution referring to the Pool be struck out was carried, and the resolution as

WHAT THE CONVENTION DID

Re-elected H. W. Wood for fifteenth term.

Called for Province-wide Membership Drive by Locals.

Unanimously Re-affirmed stand of last Convention calling for power development under public ownership.

Urged conservation of Alberta's natural resources and their development under public ownership.

Called for denunciation of Australian Treaty.

Urged reduction of duty on cans and trucks, and asked for increased British Preference.

Endorsed new rural Education Bill by larger majority than last year.

Passed important resolution calling for new terms of payment on Soldier Settlers lands.

Asked Executive to make inquiry into possibilities of state medicine.

Urged nationalization of radio broadcasting.

Demanded that conscription of wealth should precede mobilization of man-power in event of future war.

Condemned subsidized immigration.

Protested against "Blanketing" policy of Farm Loans Board.

Asked plebiscite on Beer Parlors.

Re-elected full directorate of 1929.

amended adopted, one of the delegates remarking that the subject had been covered in the preceding resolutions.

A resolution from Camrose Provincial C.A., demanding that "more restrictions be placed against the importation of farm products from other countries" was tabled.

Local Membership Drives.

Going on to consider resolutions dealing with the organization and its constitution, the Convention asked that the Board encourage U.F.A. Locals to carry out a membership drive to be completed not later than July 1st of each year. A substitute motion by Mr. Axelson, to the effect that the Board should be authorized to "secure an organizer and lecturer to devote full time to visiting Locals and organizing new ones" being rejected.

The Convention tabled a resolution asking that "applicants for positions essential to the farming industry first receive the endorsation of the nearest U.F.A. Local." This resolution provoked considerable discussion. E. A. Hanson, of Big Valley, was of the opinion that Provincial Associations should have the right to make recommendations, and submitted an amendment that "all appointments made by the Provincial Government in regard to things essential to agriculture should receive the endorsation of the nearest U.F.A. Local, or of Locals jointly." The resolution and amendments were finally tabled.

The Convention tabled a resolution from the U.F.A. Conference on Federal affairs, which asked that the Federal Government "acknowledge the existence of a Canadian race by permitting the use of of the word 'Canadian' in the column of the census forms headed 'racial origin.'"

Mr. Priestley pointed out that while Canadian "nationality" should properly be recognized, it was impossible to create a "race." Race was a matter not of tradition and so forth, but of biology.

Relations with Russia.

With only one opposing vote, the Convention adopted a resolution from the U.F.A. Conference on Federal affairs, "urging the restoration of normal diplomatic and trade relations with Russia." This was a reaffirmation of a resolution first passed in 1928.

Upon being requested to inform the Convention why diplomatic relations with Russia had been broken off, H. E. Spencer, M.P., said that a reading of the correspondence available at Ottawa revealed that the main consideration seemed to have been a desire to keep in line with what had been done in Britain. It had been practically arranged that Canada should break with Russia at the same time as the Baldwin Government. Mr. Spencer believed there would be no difficulty in securing a restoration of relations at the coming session. The Prime Minister himself had notified members that he favored it. The British Government was on a normal diplomatic footing with Russia.

Wheat Pool Locals and U.F.A. Locals

After a very full discussion, in which many delegates participated, the following resolution was adopted with only two opposing votes:

Whereas, the formation of the Wheat Pool Locals at points where there are U.F.A. Locals often causes a duplication of our co-operative efforts; and

Whereas, we believe the work of these Locals could as well be done by a committee from the U.F.A. Local:

Re-Elected by Acclamation

H. E. G. H. SCHOLEFIELD
Vice-President

Therefore be it resolved, that we ask the Boards of Directors of the various pools to encourage the appointment of these committees instead of Locals wherever possible.

Speaking in support of the resolution, a delegate stated that in his locality everything concerning Wheat Pool matters was decided in the U.F.A. Local before the Wheat Pool Local met; another delegate opposed it on the ground that some members of the Wheat Pool were not members of the U.F.A.

"If we allow this kind of duplication, where the same men are expected to belong to various farmer Locals in one district, the people will be overloaded and overorganized," said J. A. Johansen. "The best thing to do would be to encourage the Wheat Pool member to join the U.F.A. Livestock Pool local matters can be dealt with in the same way. If we keep all our business in one organization—the parent body—we shall have a strong organization that will build up all the co-operative undertakings."

Levi Boss, of High Prairie, said that by forming a Wheat Pool committee within the U.F.A. Local, the U.F.A. in his district was quickly made vigorous. Mr. Kehom declared that in his district, where the farmers were 100 per cent in the U.F.A., meetings for each Pool were held at each U.F.A. meeting.

It was stated by one of the delegates that as the members of the Wheat Pool Local in his district were members of four or five different U.F.A. Locals, some difficulty might be experienced in making a change.

Several other delegates took part in the discussion all of them stressing the desirability of making the parent body sponsor for all local business of the various Pools.

A resolution was carried after some discussion, setting forth that the U.F.A. should "make it a chief objective to build and keep the Pools along true co-operative lines." The resolution set forth that the U.F.A. started the co-operative marketing movement in Alberta, and was fitted to carry on educational propaganda in "true co-operative understanding."

Objection to this resolution was taken by a delegate who contended that one farmers organization "should not mingle with the affairs of another," and remarked that there were many Wheat Pool members who were not in the U.F.A. Mr. Freyer said as a Wheat Pool delegate he was elected to share in controlling the selling of Wheat by the Pool, and that in this field it was desirable for the Pool to avoid side lines.

Proposal to Increase Dues

A resolution from Big Valley to Munson District Association, recommending that $3.50 per member from each Local be sent to Central Office to cover all dues to Federal and Provincial Constituency Associations and subscriptions to *The U.F.A.*, was lost after discussion, as was also an amendment to raise the dues for purely Central Office purposes from $2 to $2.50.

The resolution set forth that the Central Office balance in recent years had "shown a deficit in spite of rigid economy and grants from a commercial organization," and that the U.F.A. should be self-supporting, "especially considering the enormous benefits accruing to the farmers of this Province as a direct result of the U.F.A. activities."

The resolution was strongly supported by W. D. Trego, who said, as a former Director who knew the problems of the Association, that for the past 21 years it had been fighting under difficulties owing to inadequate finances.

A. McCready thought that difficulty would arise when an attempt was made to collect higher dues, and Andrew Rafn, though himself willing to pay more, was opposed to any increase because in the homestead country there was a great shortage of dollars among the settlers. Another delegate remarked that in his

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To Help to Wipe Out Deficit

Local Which Could Not Afford to Send Delegate Makes Contribution

We held a meeting of the Twin Lake Local members last night in the school house. It was decided by the members present that we should not send a delegate to the Convention this year, as we had not enough funds on hand to do so. At our last meeting in reading over the financial report, it was noted that you had a deficit of $4,000.40, which does not look very good for an organization of this kind, so we decided to send you $5.00 to help to pay it off. It is very little against the amount you need, but it is all we can spare at the present time.

CHAS. L. TRIGG,
Secretary Twin Lake Local, No. 541
Cadogan.

Conservation of Resources and Development Under Public Ownership Urged by Annual Convention

Legislation to Prohibit Waste of Natural Gas in Oil Fields Called For—Government Congratulated on Success in Natural Resources Agreement

Calling upon the Alberta Government to give primary consideration to public ownership and proper conservation of the natural resources of Alberta when these come into the possession of the Province, and specifically urging the development of electrical power as a public utility, the U.F.A. Annual Convention, on January 24th, indicated in unmistakable terms the policies which the Association desires to be followed in these matters. The two resolutions in which these subjects were dealt with were submitted by the Central Board and the Macleod Federal Constituency Association, and were carried unanimously. Two other resolutions, one urging the Government to set up a Commission similar to the Ontario Hydro-electric Power Commission to have full charge of power development and distribution and the distribution of natural gas, giving first attention to the utilization of gas going to waste in the oil fields; and the other calling for legislation to prohibit all waste of natural gas in these fields, were moved by Ira D. Taylor in behalf of the Big Valley to Munson U.F.A. District Association. They also were carried unanimously. In support of these Mr. Taylor submitted important facts and figures.

A resolution congratulating the Alberta Government on the successful conclusion of negotiations with the Dominion Government for the transfer of the Natural Resources to the Province, upon much more favorable terms than had been offered in any previous negotiations, was carried unanimously.

The Board resolutions on Natural Resources and Power were presented immediately following the reading by H. R. Macleod and adoption by the delegates of the report of the Power Committee of the Central Board of which he is chairman.

The resolutions were as follows:

Conservation and Public Ownership

Whereas, the U.F.A. has consistently advocated the principles of public ownership, and the proper conservation of natural resources; and

Whereas, the Provincial Government will in the near future be faced with the responsibility of administering these resources;

Therefore be it resolved, that this Convention urge upon the Government the necessity of formulating a broad policy for the administration of these resources in which the following principles shall be given primary consideration. First, development in accordance with the principles of public ownership, and second, proper conservation to make these natural resources of value to succeeding generations in this Province; and to further this we would recommend that a conference be called by the Government of representatives of the U.F.A. and Labor and other similarly organized groups to take this whole question under consideration.

Electrical Power

Whereas, up to the present time private interests are securing a monopoly of the power rights of the Province;

Therefore be it resolved, that the U.F.A. urge upon the Provincial Government to take immediate action to develop and distribute electric power as a public utility.

Moving the resolution on wastage of natural gas, Mr. Taylor said that articles appearing in The U.F.A. had first aroused him to a realization of the importance of this matter. Power, he declared, was the dominant feature of our commercial life. One of its sources was the stored-up supplies of energy in the form of coal and gas. Once these were wasted nothing on earth could reclaim them. He stressed the need for immediate action to stop the waste in Turner Valley, where according to a well-known expert gas valued at $100,000 was being permanently lost every day. (The original figure quoted was $1,000,000 per day, but it was pointed out that this figure was obtained from a daily press report which had subsequently been found to be incorrect.)

The great loss, however, Mr. Taylor said, was in helium, a very rare and valuable element, large quantities of which had been found to exist in the Western Canadian oilfields. During the war the British Government had established a plant in Calgary to produce this element for use in airships, and in this plant, which was very small, helium to the value of $490,000 had been extracted weekly. He did not suggest that the Provincial Government could derive an annual revenue of 52 times that figure; but there was no doubt that the development of aerial navigation would provide a commercial market for helium.

The resolutions for which Mr. Taylor was sponsor were as follows:

Waste of Natural Gas

Whereas, the Province is now about to receive its natural resources; and

Whereas, these resources are of vast extent and very great value and constitute a sacred heritage of the people of this Province, the careful administration and proper conservation of which are of the greatest importance to our future welfare and entail a heavy responsibility on our Government; and

Whereas, in the Turner Valley and other fields a very considerable beginning has been made in exploiting the oil resources of the Province, such exploitation being accompanied by an almost unbelievable waste of natural gas; and

Whereas, according to the judgment of competent authorities this waste of natural gas already reaches an appalling amount and will very greatly increase with the further development of the fields, resulting in untold loss to the Province;

Be it therefore resolved, that this Convention call upon our Government to enact legislation to prohibit all waste of natural gas by allowing same to burn uselessly or escape into the air, or otherwise, either before or after the gasoline content has been taken therefrom, and that such legislation be made effective as soon as the natural resources come under the control of the Province.

Hydro-Electric Commission

Whereas, this Convention in past years has gone on record as approving the development of hydro-electric power in this Province under a system of public ownership and control as opposed to developments by private interests; and

Whereas, the development of electric power has now become a more immediate and pressing question by reason of the waste of untold quantities of natural gas in the various oil fields, particularly the Turner Valley field; and

Whereas, the only possible solution for using any great amount of this source of power is by converting it into electric energy and distributing this throughout the Province thus bringing cheap power, light and heat not only to the towns and villages but also to the farm homes of the Province; and

Whereas, the greater the extent to which this natural gas may be used for this purpose the greater the opportunity will be for the further development of the fields for oil;

Be it resolved, that this Convention call upon our Government to enact the necessary legislation and appoint a Commission similar to the Ontario Hydro Electric Commission to have full charge of the development of electric power and the distribution of such and of natural gas throughout the Province, and that the first endeavor of such Commission shall be to utilize in so far as may be found advisable, for the development of electric power, the natural gas now available at the oil fields, and to distribute such power to every district in the Province where the revenue available will warrant the expenditure.

And be it further resolved that there be specifically added to the duties of such Commission the full control of the separation of the helium content from all gas used in the Province for power or other purposes, or from more if found advisable and to dispose of same for the benefit of the revenues of the Province.

U.F.W.A. Conveners

Health—Mrs. Banner; Young People's Work—Mrs. Hepburn; Social Service—Mrs. Dwelle; Immigration—Mrs. Price; Education—Mrs. Ross; Legislation—Mrs. Wyman; Committee on Co-operation—Mrs. Scholefield; Peace—Mrs. McNaughton; Home Economics—Mrs. Zipperer; Beautification and Horticulture—Mrs. Steeg.

Abrogation of Australian Treaty Called for by Convention

Lower Duty on Cars and Trucks and Increase in British Preference Urged in Resolutions

By unanimous vote of the delegates, the Annual Convention of the U.F.A. on January 21st called upon the Dominion Government to denounce (that is to say, to abrogate) the Australian Treaty of 1925. The reasons for this course were clearly set forth in the resolution adopted, and in speeches by Robert Gardiner, M.P., and others, and it was indicated that the policy of the Association on tariff matters remains unchanged, but that upon this issue the action of the U.F.A. group, who voted against the treaty, as a "discriminatory and economically unsound measure" expressed the will of the organized farmers.

The Convention also asked the reduction of the tariff on automobiles and trucks to the average level of the tariff on agricultural machinery, and urged an immediate and substantial increase in the British preference.

Terms of Resolution

The resolution on the Australian Treaty which was the first to be submitted to the Convention, was moved in behalf of the Central Board by I. V. Macklin, Director for Peace River North, and was in the following terms:

Whereas, the Australian Treaty of 1925 was designed to confer trade advantages upon certain industries which in virtue of their highly privileged position under the customs tariff have been built up at the expense of other classes of Canadians, while industries in a less favored position were totally disregarded both in the negotiation of the treaty and in the terms of its enactment; and

Whereas, this special consideration shown to certain industries exemplifies one of the worst evils of the protectionist system, which is rooted in the distribution of new privileges to the already highly privileged; and

Whereas, the policy upon which the treaty was based is one of discrimination especially against important branches of the industry of agriculture; and

Whereas, the enactment of the treaty was opposed by the U.F.A. group in the House of Commons in 1925, as a discriminatory and economically unsound measure;

Therefore be it resolved, that this Convention, while reaffirming its adherence to the principle of freedom of trade, and its determination to use its influence with a view to the progressive reduction of the Canadian tariff, protests against the operation of the prevailing system in a partisan and discriminatory manner;

And further, that this Convention, in virtue of the reasons enumerated above, call upon the Dominion Government to denounce the Treaty.

Gardiner Explains Situation

Giving a brief explanation of the Australian Treaty, Robert Gardiner, M.P., stated that as Mr. Robb, the Finance Minister, who concluded it, was an advocate of "adequate protection" it might reasonably have been expected that he would treat all industries equitably. Yet the terms of the treaty provided that Canada should make reductions in duties on agricultural products in order to obtain from Australia a reduction in the duties on Canadian industrial products, for the advantage of Canadian industries which enjoyed special privileges in this country. The farmers took exception to the action of the Finance Minister because he, as an avowed protectionist, had deliberately followed a policy which, according to his own view of things, was shown to be discriminatory against agriculture.

Again, in order to give Australia a preference in raisins, the general tariff was raised from two-thirds of a cent to 3 cents, raisins from Australia being made duty free. The raisins from Australia were only a bagatelle so far as our requirements were concerned. The treaty was in this respect economically unsound.

Canadian tariff reductions under the treaty as regards Australia were on eggs, from 2 cents a dozen to nothing; on butter from 4 cents per lb. to 1 cent, on honey from 3 cents to nothing, and there were various other reductions. In return for these reductions on agricultural products, a market was opened up in Australia for Canadian manufactured goods by reductions in the tariff on printing machinery, typewriters, cash registers, computing machines, newsprint, and other commodities, which were placed on the Australian free list; while on various products of the iron and steel industry, and on automobiles, fish, gloves, and some other articles, a substantial reduction of the Australian tariff was obtained.

The U.F.A. Group at Ottawa had voted against the treaty.

Tariff on Cars and Trucks

The following resolution was adopted without discussion:

Whereas, the people of Canada pay from 25 to 30 per cent more for motor vehicles than the people of the United States; and

Whereas, the automobile and auto truck have now ceased to be luxuries of the farm, and have become necessities; and

Whereas, the higher prices of these vehicles in Canada are not made necessary by comparably higher manufacturing costs;

Therefore be it resolved, that this Convention urge upon the Government and Parliament of Canada to reduce the tariff on automobiles and auto trucks to the average level of the tariff on agricultural machinery.

Increase in British Preference

Mr. Macklin then moved in behalf of the Board a resolution in the following terms:

Whereas, the farmers are not only the largest group of producers, but also the largest group of consumers; and

Whereas, the protective tariff increases the cost of production in agriculture more seriously than in other industries, and at the same time increases the cost of the necessities of life, thereby placing the farm community under a double handicap; and

Whereas, the British people are large buyers of our agricultural products, and someone no tariff restrictions upon the entrance of these products into the British market; and

Whereas, any measure which will tend to increase the volume of British imports into Canada will also increase the demand for Canadian products in Britain; and

Whereas, the extension of the British Preference, until free trade with Britain has been attained, has long been a prominent feature of the tariff policies of the farmers' organizations in Canada;

Therefore be it resolved, that this Convention urge upon the Dominion Government and Parliament to make an immediate substantial increase in the British Preference as a step towards free trade relations with other countries and the reduction of the costs of living and production.

Discussing the resolution, Carl Axelson expressed the opinion that whatever resolutions on the tariff or other matters were passed, it would be necessary for the farmers and labor to gain political power before they could gain any advantage from any kind of fiscal policy.

Lloyd Brown of Birdstow Local supported the resolution on the ground that it would be good policy to cultivate relations with the country which provided our best market.

Mr. Gardiner pointed out that there was more in the resolution than appeared on the surface. A situation had arisen in which heavy increases in duties had been under consideration in the United States, though the issue was undecided. This had called forth a demand for "retaliation" in some quarters in Canada. Yet retaliation would be utterly futile. To increase the cost of all the goods we had to buy would be of no advantage to us.

Instead of "retaliation" the resolution proposed to increase the British preference, and thus divert in all probability a greater volume of sales of our commodities to Britain. British imports from Canada for a recent period of twelve months were about $400,000, whereas Canada's imports from Britain were only $200,000.

J. Higginbotham of Lone Butte, supported the resolution, quoted from a United States paper, *The North West Farmer*, to the effect that notwithstanding an increase which had been made in the duty on eggs imported into that country, the price remained the same. The tariff could not be of any great benefit to agriculture.

Central Board Committees

Transportation—J. E. Brown, Glen Sheris, Geo. Church.

Education—I. V. Macklin, Mrs. F. E. Wyman, J. A. Johansen.

Young People's Work—H. E. G. H. Schofield, Mrs. A. H. Warr, Mrs. P. C. Hepburn.

Banking and Credit—J. K. Sutherland, H. G. Young, John Fowlie.

Power—H. Hanson, Mrs. F. E. Wyman, Ronald Pye.

Immigration—Mrs. R. Price, H. Critchlow, W. R. McGowan.

Co-operation—H. E. G. H. Schofield, A. F. Aitken, H. B. MacLeod.

Organization—D. MacLachlan, Charlie Mills, I. V. Macklin.

Insurance—J. A. Johansen, John Fowlie, H. G. Young.

HONORING THE CHIEF

A Sketch of the Celebration of Twenty-one Years of Achievement by the United Farmers of Alberta.

By NORMAN F. PRIESTLEY

To say "It was a great gathering!" and be content with that, using again the words with which the pen has so often attempted to record the reactions of the mind at some unusual assembling of the people, would be worse than futile. They fall so far short of expressing the surge of ideas and emotions which the occasion evoked as to verge on stupidity.

If the size of a gathering be any factor of greatness, then this was great. Was not the largest social hall in the city crowded to capacity, row on row of people, elbow to elbow, a sea of faces tilted expectantly towards the rostrum? If area represented is any index of greatness, again the test is met; for men and women had come to this gathering from hundreds of communities scattered all the way across our Province from the far northwest where the mighty Peace emerges from the Rockies, to the extreme southeast where the farmer of the prairies looks across the international boundary line at the cone-like outlines of the Sweetgrass Hills. If the presence of men of distinction in the political arena is any criterion of greatness, here again meaning was given to the word. Was not the Premier of this not least of Canada's nine Provinces on the platform? Did not one see among the people many members of the Dominion House of Commons and of the Provincial Legislature? If connection with undertakings of unusual magnitude in industry and commerce enters into the estimate of greatness, once more this gathering did not fail to meet the measure. Few were present who are not active elements in greater or lesser degree in the success of industrial and commercial organizations which are challenging the attention of the world and affecting the destinies of the human race.

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It was not in these things, however, that the essential greatness of that gathering lay. Nor was its greatness due to those elements of personality which have so long lent emphasis to that word. Other gatherings have without doubt expressed more of the brilliance of intellect and sparkling wit, more of the refinements of culture and fascinations of genius, more of the mystery of intrigue and pride of power. The aristocratic tradition may have had its representatives there but these things are not counted in our appraisal of the quality of the gathering.

Those hundreds of men and women who met on Wednesday evening, January 22nd, 1930, in the War Memorial Hall, Calgary, constituted a great gathering particularly because they represented the struggle of twenty-one years on the part of an agricultural people, pioneers in a new country, and pioneers in new fields of organization, a struggle crowned with achievement unexcelled by any similar group in human history. Few if any of those present were born in Alberta. They came here from the ends of the earth. They were heirs of traditions and customs, religions and languages, theories and ideals which have been the fruitful cause of bitter antagonism and bloody wars. What brought them together? Who gave them the unity, the solidarity necessary for achievement?

The proceedings are about to begin. A few figures familiar to the assembly begin to walk down the aisles to the platform. A scattered volley of handclaps arises. Presently a grey-clad figure, tall and lean, the sparse hair of his forward-thrust head quite grey, comes toward the front, hands deep in the pockets of his coat. The hand clapping begins a crescendo. It becomes a fortissimo as he goes behind the scenes, and emerges on the platform. H. W. Wood has arrived.

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Who is H. W. Wood? He is a plain unassuming farmer who came into Alberta to take up land and raise wheat and cattle in the first few years after the turn of the century, whose name was almost unknown till fifteen years ago. Last year the University of Alberta embarrassed him by conferring upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. Only one other such degree was given by the university that year; yet "The Chief" as he is known among the officers of the organizations of which he has for many years been the elected head, does not care to use the title. He says that he has been known as "Mister Wood" for so long that it is hard to get used to anything else. His claim to such distinction? Let the program of the evening tell its own story.

The United Farmers of Alberta are celebrating at the Annual Convention twenty-one years of phenomenal success since the time when at an historic meeting in the city of Edmonton the organization came into being by the amalgamation of two bodies which had been working competitively for some years. They are going to do honor to the man who has presided over their destinies for the last fourteen of those years. Donald MacLachlan, Director for Athabasca Constituency, is in charge. After a few introductory remarks he calls upon Vice-president H.E.G.H. Scholefield to officiate at a presentation. Mr. Scholefield in doing so literally "tells the world" about Dr. Henry Wise Wood in these terms:

"Our Chief is the inspiring genius of the Alberta farm movement; an inspiring genius upon whom later generations will look back and say: 'Behold there was a man!'"

Mr. Scholefield reminded the audience that Plato, in the days of Ancient Greece, had thought out a scheme of government in which the philosophers should be rulers. "We have the happiest of combinations in our President, the philosopher and the very practical man," said he. Practicality alone would not have built the organization. Idealism and philosophy were the spirit of the whole movement. Handing to Dr. Wood a gold watch and chain, and, after a brief interval, a pocketbook containing a bond of substantial denomination, the vice-president said that these small tokens were not necessary to show the esteem of the farm people of Alberta but were given to accentuate the affection, the love, the respect and the honor in which the President was held.

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The committee in charge had not forgotten that others had labored with the honored chief to make possible the great successes for which the United Farmers of Alberta have become famed. Flanking him upon the platform were Premier Brownlee, Mrs. A. H. Ware, President of the U.F.W.A., and other present day officers of the association; but significant perhaps of the nature of the occasion were some who had part in the early beginnings. There was E. J. Fream, first Secretary for some years. The Canadian Society of Equity, which with the Alberta Farmers Association formed the union of 1909, was represented on the platform by four men; Charles Burnell, who with W. J. Keen and W. G. Spaulding called a meeting at Poplar Lake near Edmonton in 1904; Harry Bell, of Namao, first president of the Local union formed at that meeting; Andrew Rafn, charter member of the Bon Accord Local, Number Two; and Thomas Balsam, secretary of Number Four local, formed at Vegreville.

Attention was focused more especially, however, on two elderly ladies whose lives have been much bound up with the farm movement in this Province. Mrs. H. W. Wood was in the audience and was called to the platform. Already seated there was Mrs. James Speakman, widow of the President of the U.F.A. who preceded H. W. Wood in the office and died while carrying its responsibilities in 1915. To each of these two ladies Mr. Scholefield gracefully presented a basket bouquet of flowers with appropriate words of thanks for the great part they had played in the work. At the side of the platform a bulky rectangular shaped object stood covered with a Union Jack. It was unveiled, and Mr. Scholefield spoke as follows: "We are going to do honor to a woman. Today, as all down through the ages, we have the example of self-sacrificing women, martyrs often to a cause. We have with us tonight the wife of our President; and we know the sacrifice she must have made because of the time that her husband has been away from her, time given with her full consent to the work of this great movement. As a small memento to console her in lonely hours, hours when, I presume I may say she plows her lonely furrow, we present to her this piece of furniture; a small piece of furniture, Mrs. Wood, that when you press the button will talk and sing and laugh and console you in the quiet of your home." It was a radio of beautiful model.

Rounds of applause showed the appreciation of the audience, and broke out again as Mrs. Wood quietly thanked them. Later in the week the Convention ordered that letters of greeting and appreciation be sent to Mrs. James Bower, of Red Deer, and Mrs. W. G. Tregillus, of Calgary, whose husbands were the first and second Presidents of the U.F.A. There were many men and women in that audience who understood what it had meant to give support to a man who, though in humble circumstances, doing

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Sixteenth Convention of United Farm Women of Alberta Best in History

Keenness in Discussion, Unity and Fairness Characterize Convention of U.F.W.A.—Strong Support for New Education Bill—A Notable Gathering in Retrospect

By Mrs. F. E. WYMAN

"The very best Convention we have ever had" is the consensus of opinion of the farm women themselves regarding the recent Convention of the United Farm Women of Alberta; and rightly so, for progress along all lines is the watchword of the farm women.

"The most systematic Convention I have ever reported," was the comment of a newspaper writer, referring to the carrying out of the program on time scheduled, the smooth-running of the Convention committees, and the forethought in having all reports in print ready to be released at the proper time.

"You can't put anything over on this group of women," was another interesting comment from an eastern writer, speaking of the freedom from restraint, the keenness that was almost subtle at times, shown in the discussion of the various problems, and the sanity, fairness and good sense which predominated.

The Sixteenth Convention of the United Farm Women of Alberta, held in Calgary January 21st to January 24th, 1930, was officially opened on Tuesday at two o'clock by the singing of "O Canada" and the invocation given by the Rev. J. K. Todd, Pastor of Central United Church.

Premier's Message

This was followed by an address given by the Hon. J. E. Brownlee, Premier of Alberta, who brought greetings from the Government and a message of courage and inspiration which still further endeared him to the hearts of the rural women of the Province.

The committees then appointed by the chair were as follows:

Musical—Mrs. Scholefield, Mrs. Hepburn.

Credentials—Mrs. McNaughton, Mrs. Pickel, Mrs. H. Lambert.

Order of Business—Mrs. Banner, Mrs. McDaniel, Mrs. Field.

Resolution—Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Dwelle, Mrs. Fraser.

Reception and Platform—Mrs. Zipperer, Mrs. Buckley, Mrs. Bentley, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Ethridge, Mrs. Malloy, Mrs. Stong.

Mrs. A. H. Warr, President, then presented her report, giving a splendid account of her activities during the past year. She has been 162 days away from home, has travelled 7,018 miles by train, 3,225 by car and visited practically every constituency.

The report of the Executive was given by Mrs. F. E. Wyman. It was hoped that the delegates would enjoy the Convention and the program; she pointed out that the keynote from the first convenor's report to be delivered that afternoon on "Education" until the culminating address on Friday was along educational lines. Among other things that the Executive had done during the year one of the most valuable was their attendance at the Junior Conference Week at the University in Edmonton, where contact was made with representatives of the young people from all parts of the Province.

Next came the reports of the Zone Directors, each of which disclosed splendid work accomplished during the past year, and a spirit of optimism and promise of success for the coming year. Two new Directors had been appointed during the year, one from Peace River North, and one from Lethbridge.

Two members of the former executive, Mrs. Gunn and Mrs. Field, were welcomed to the platform, each of them responding with best wishes for the success of the Convention.

Community singing was then enjoyed and at times throughout the Convention, Mrs. Hepburn leading, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Scholefield.

Miss F. Bateman gave her annual report as Secretary of the U.F.W.A. She reported that the increase in membership for 1929 of 585 had been maintained, plus an increase of 48 for the year. This was gratifying in that the record of membership in Central Office was gauged by the dues received, and that this had been a year of very poor financial returns in many parts of the Province. Nineteen new Locals had been organized. Six conferences had been held with marked success.

Mrs. Winnifred Ross, presented her report as Convenor on Education. She gave a splendid summary of the proposed Education Act, stressed the importance of physical education, gave information as to the care given by the Department of Education to the blind and deaf children of the Province, the success of the correspondence courses to children in districts where there are schools operated for only a short time or none at all, and asked that greater co-operation be maintained between the teacher and parents.

Mrs. Ross closed with a report on the resolutions pertaining to education passed at the Convention of 1929, which had been referred to the Provincial Government.

A very delightful solo was then rendered by Mrs. D. V. Hicks, accompanied by Mrs. G. L. Chesney and Mrs. W. McKinnon.

BOARD OF THE U.F.W.A. FOR 1930

Mrs. A. H. Warr, Waskatenau, President.

Mrs. F. E. Wyman, Raintree, First Vice-President.

Mrs. R. Price, Stettler, Second Vice-President.

Directors: Mrs. Mary Banner, Dowling (Acadia); Mrs. W. R. Lewis, Waskatenau (Athabasca); Mrs. C. L. Pickel, Hayter (Battle River); Mrs. J. C. Buckley, Gleichen (Bow River); Mrs. Zipperer, Lougheed (Camrose); Mrs. L. L. Scholefield, Crossfield (East and West Calgary); Mrs. S. J. Bentley, N. Edmonton (East and West Edmonton); Mrs. F. J. Malloy, Warner (Lethbridge); Mrs. F. A. Dwelle, Nanton (Macleod); Mrs. H. C. McDaniel, Whitla (Medicine Hat); Mrs. C. Stong, Waterhole (Peace River N.); Mrs. E. H. Ethridge, Freedom, (Peace River S.); Mrs. P. C. Hepburn, Elnora (Red Deer); Mrs. W. D. McNaughton, Ranfurly (Vegreville); Mrs. W. Ross, Millet (Wetaskiwin).

Endorse School Bill

The following resolution was then introduced:

"Resolved, that we reaffirm our belief in the principle of the new Rural School Bill introduced by the Hon. Perren Baker, and urge that in the interest of education it be put into operation just as soon as practicable."

A most keen and spirited discussion followed, touching all sides of the question. The resolution carried.

On Wednesday morning, Dr. Fitzpatrick, Medical Superintendent of the Mental Hospital at Oliver, gave an address on "Some Aspects of Mental Hygiene." Dr. Fitzpatrick described some of the factors of maladjustment entering into the lives of children which if left unrepaired for resulted in future mental disorders; he mentioned that four operations under the Sex Sterilization Act had taken place with satisfactory results. He also dealt with the marriage of unsuitable people.

Dr. Fitzpatrick was asked a number of questions and given a very hearty vote of thanks for his interesting address.

Miss Beryl Scott, of the Wheat Pool staff, accompanied by Miss Jean Evely, favored the Convention with two delightful vocal solos.

Report on Legislation

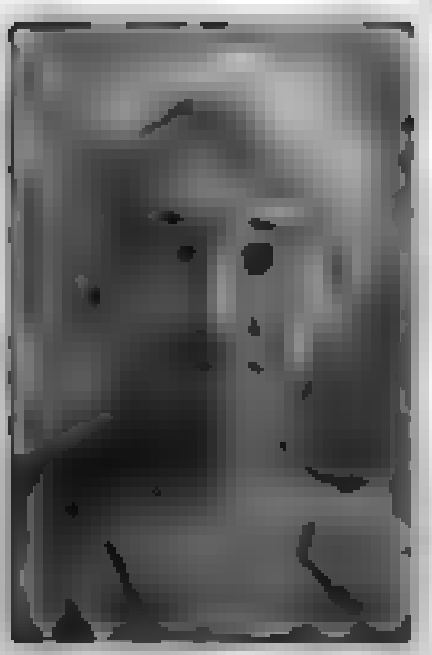
Mrs. F. E. Wyman then presented her report on legislation. She stated that the great need now was for the farm women to learn to do co-operative thinking in order to achieve political action, for all questions must finally be determined by action of Government officials. This thinking must be based on facts and this was the function of our organization—to furnish the necessary information.

Mrs. Wyman mentioned the celebration in Iceland next June, commemorating the one thousandth anniversary of the establishment of their Parliament on the spot where the Vikings first met in general assembly. She mentioned the favorable decision in the Privy Council of the Bull case and "Is a woman a person?" case. Also the Hill vs. Hill decision; domicile and personal naturalization, Sex Disqualification Act, Courts of Domestic Relation, Marriage Contract, age of consent for girls, return of natural resources; report on dependent and delinquent children.

After the report was adopted, Mrs. Wyman introduced four resolutions which were adopted unanimously. Establishment of Provincial Home for boys and one for girls; favoring personal domicile for married women; also personal naturalization; congratulations to Premier Brownlee and his Government on return of Natural Resources; congratulations to each of the five women initiating the proceedings resulting in the favorable decision of the Privy Council re eligibility to Senate; also to Premier Brownlee and the Attorney General, Hon. J. F. Lymburn, for their part in said proceedings.

Mrs. Parlby's Address

The address of the Hon. Irene Parlby on "Creative Education" was given



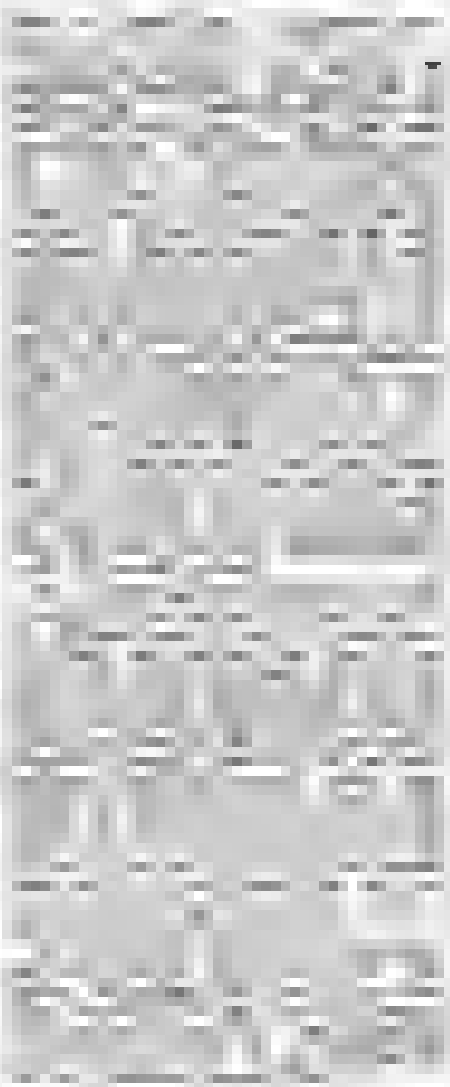
Chief Accomplishments of U F A. Reviewed by President in Annual Address

Outstanding Point and Other Four Outstanding Contributions of U F A. to Rural Progress. Five Suggestions Point Way to Solution of Problems Facing Farmers

President Wood

Five Outstanding Achievements

A Step Backward



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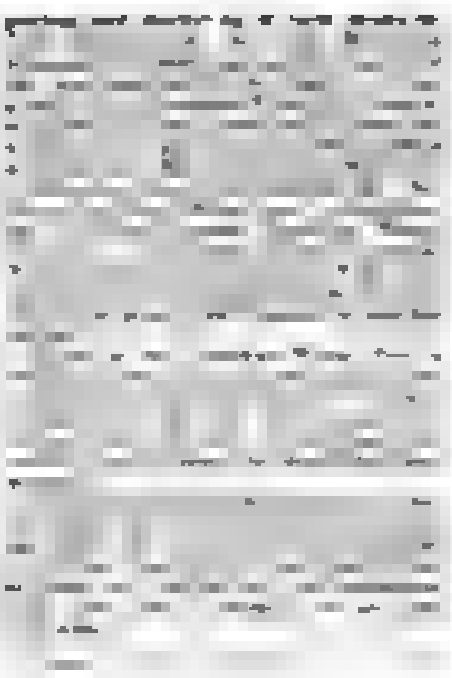

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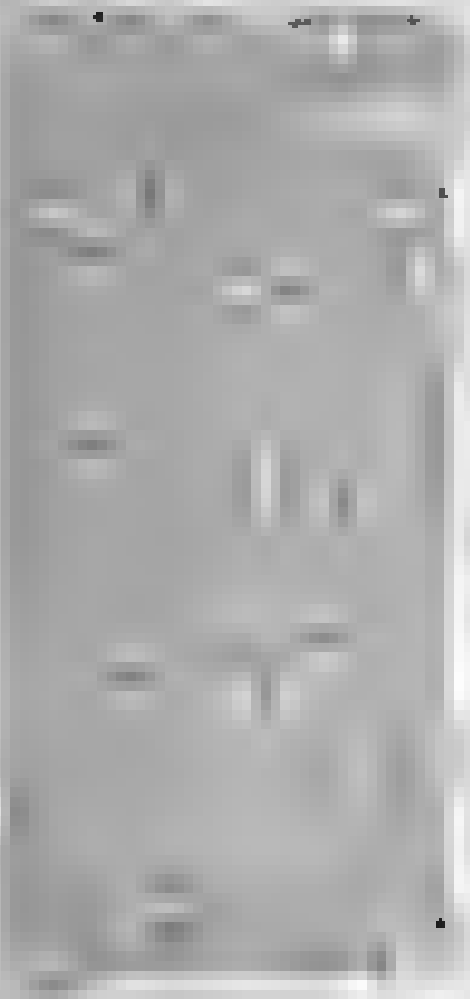

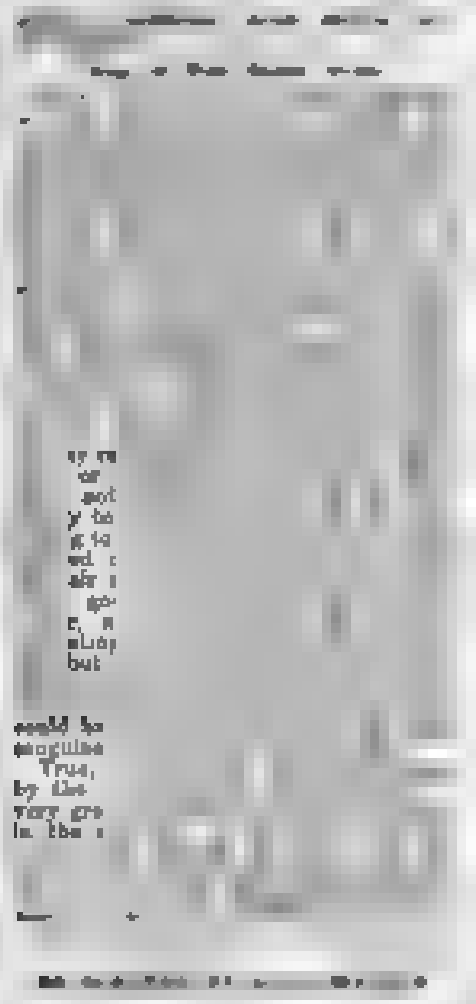

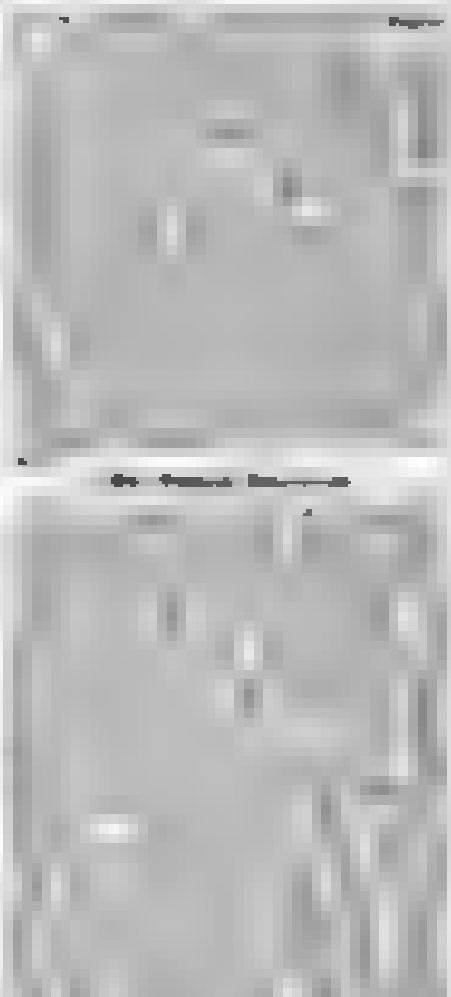

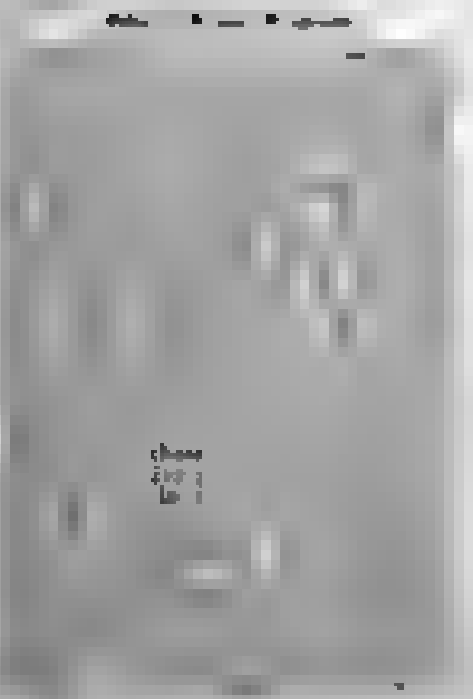

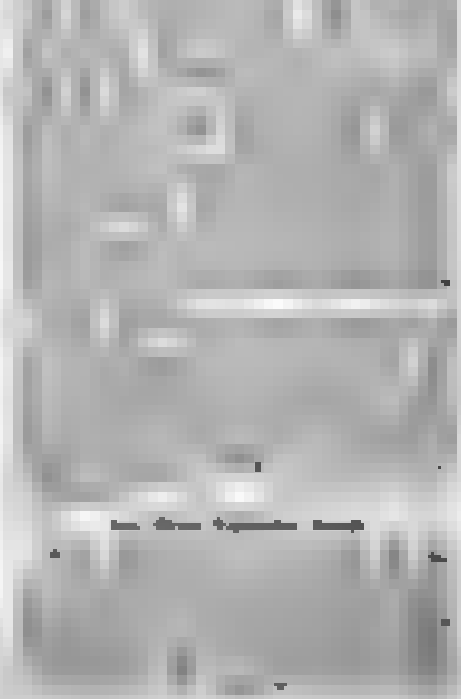

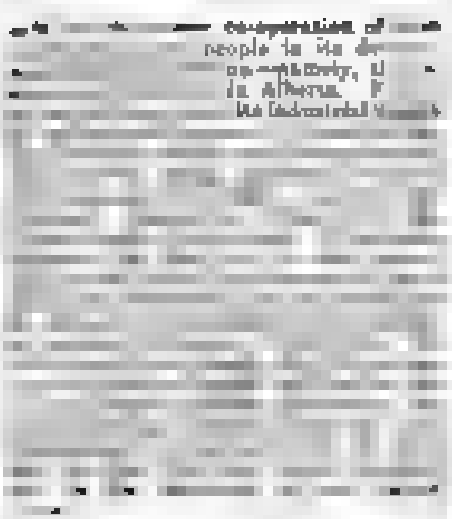

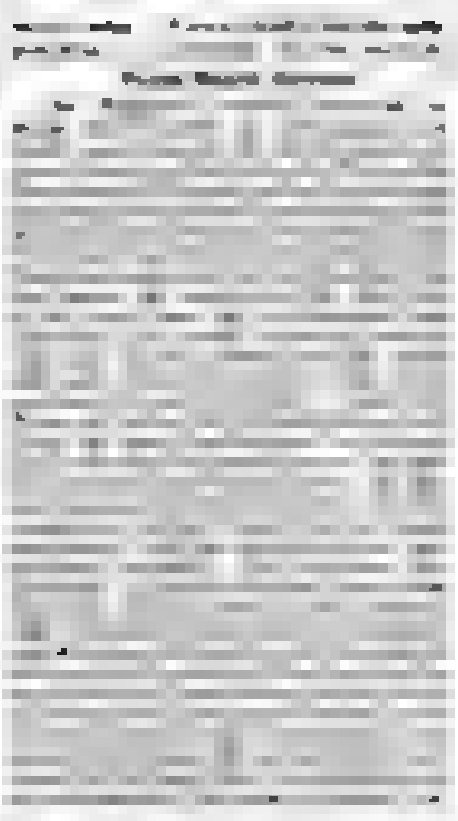

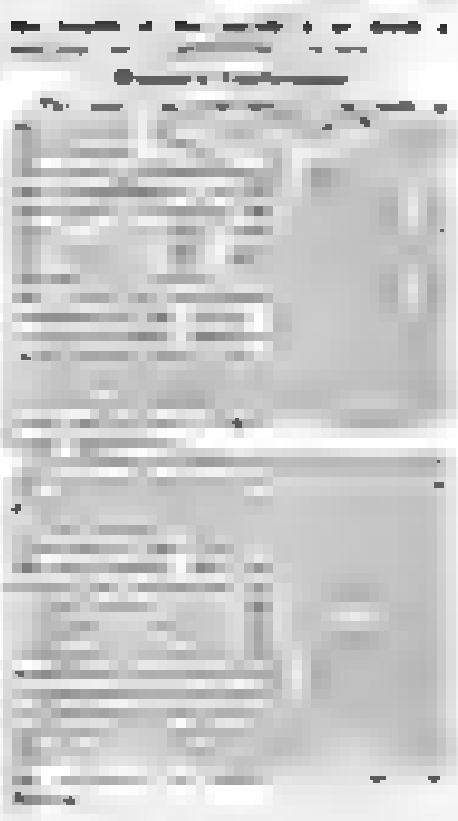

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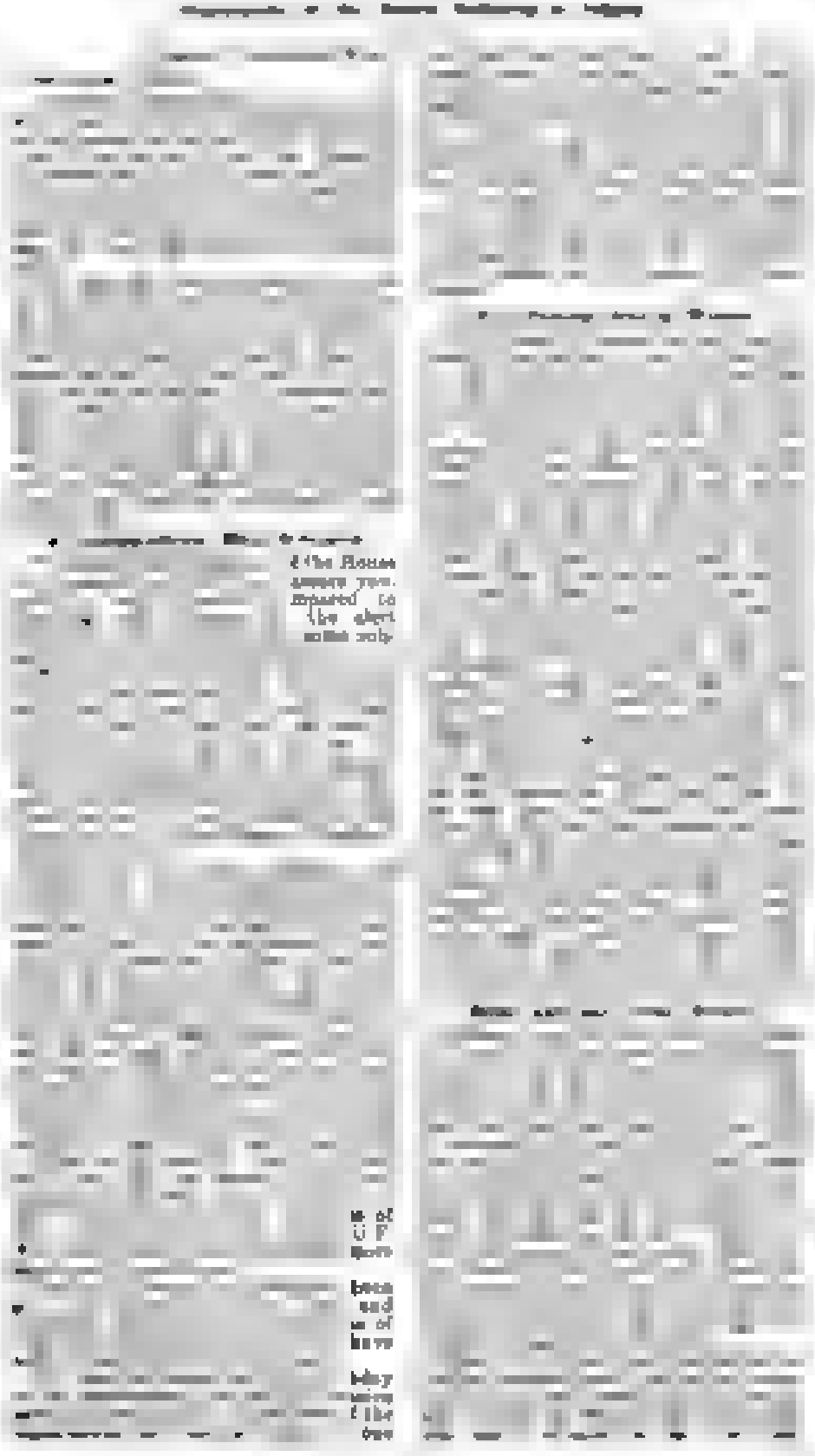

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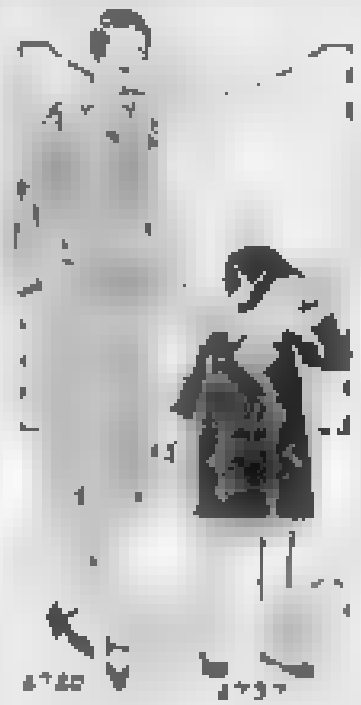

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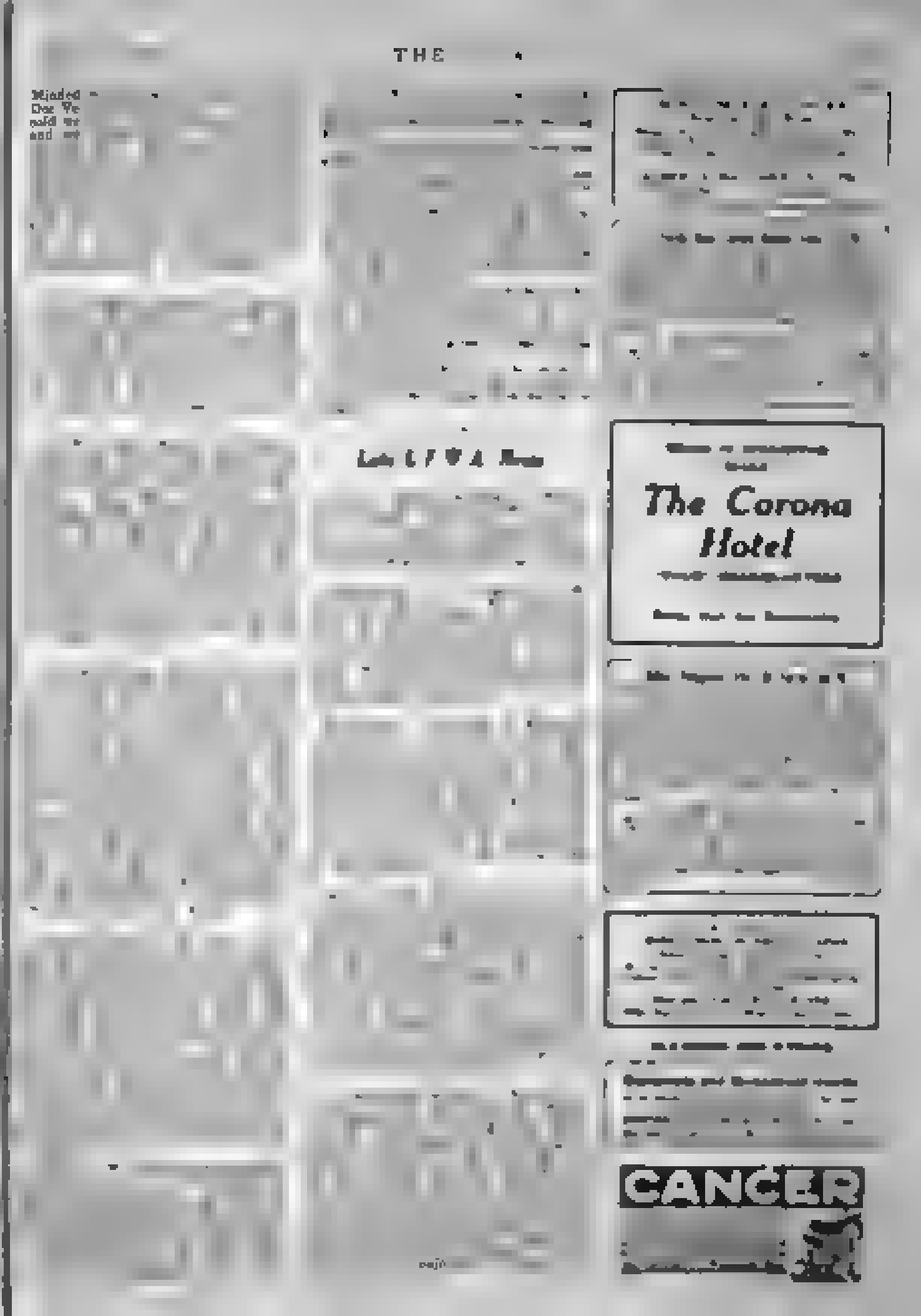

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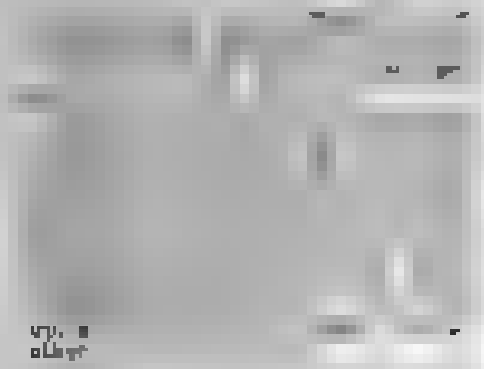

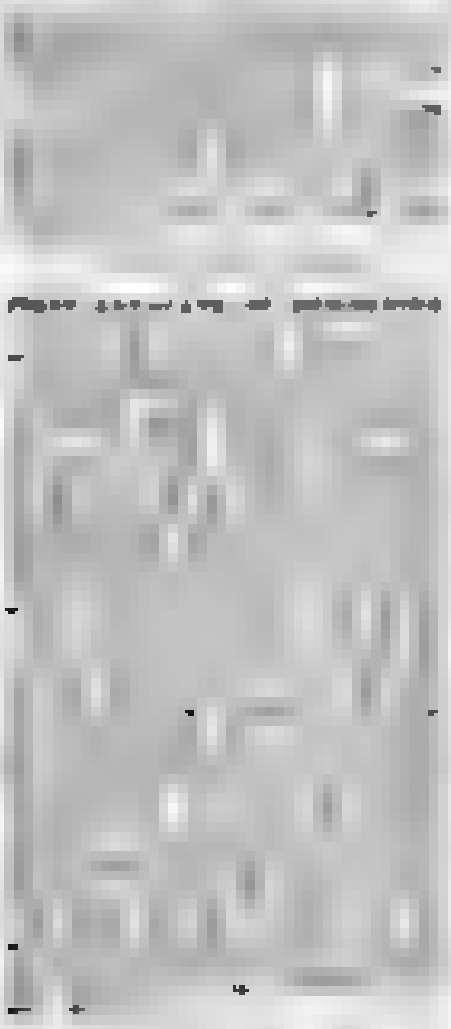

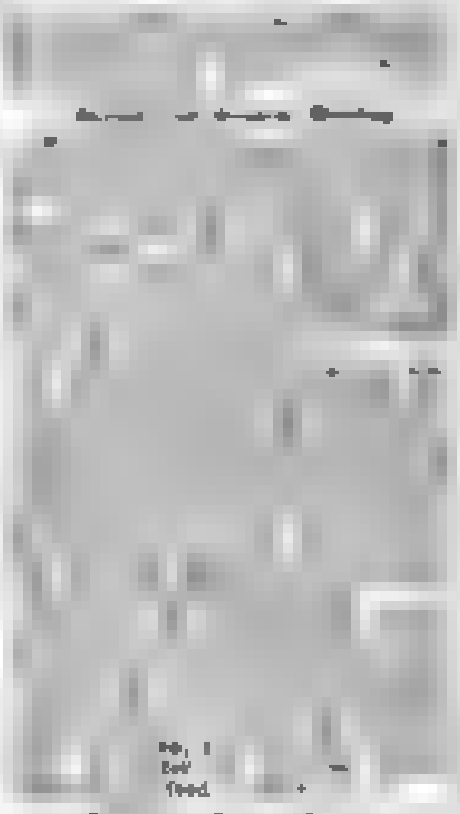

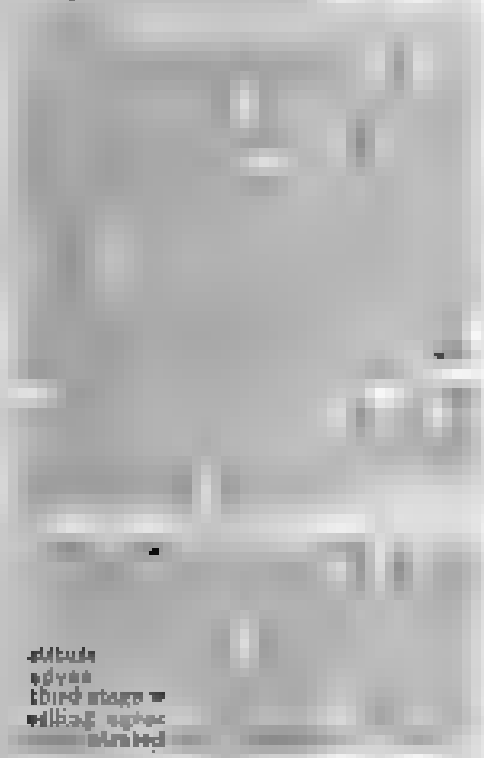

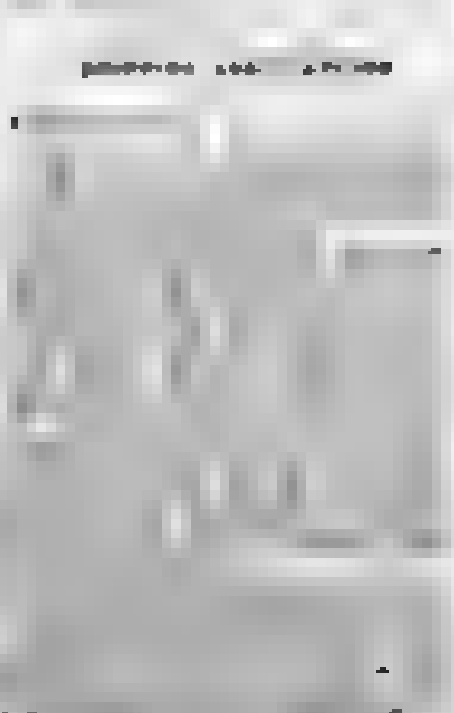

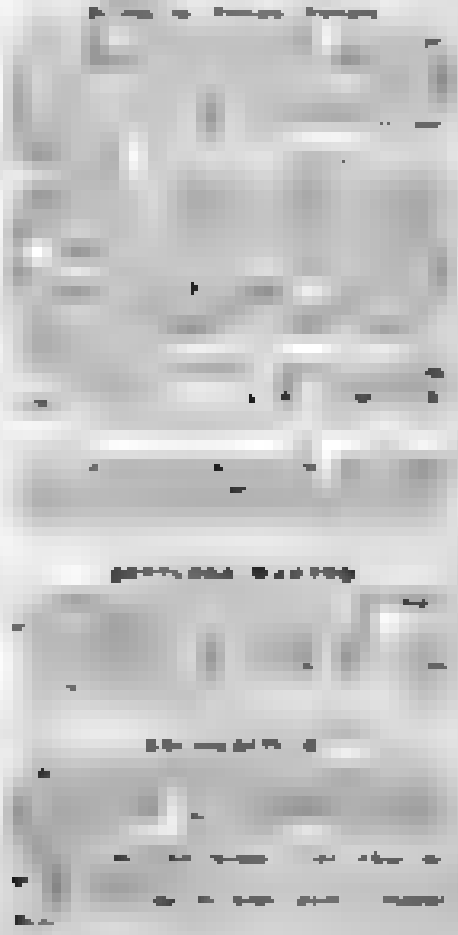

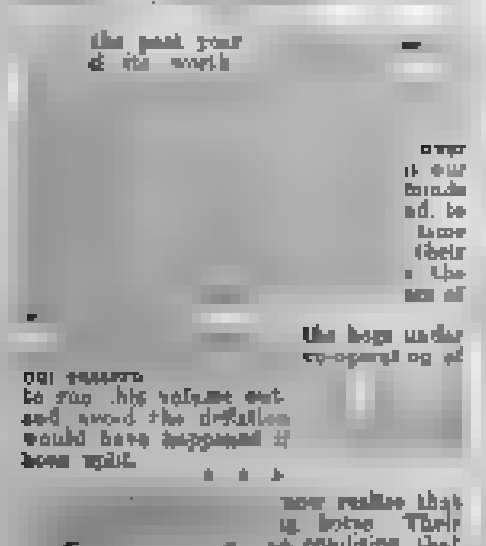

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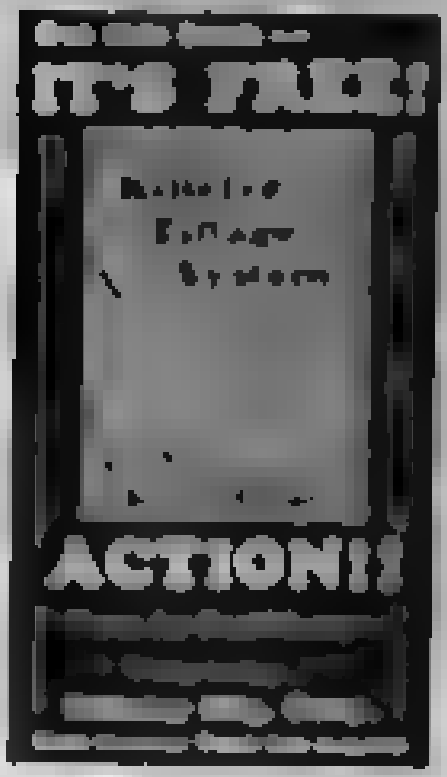

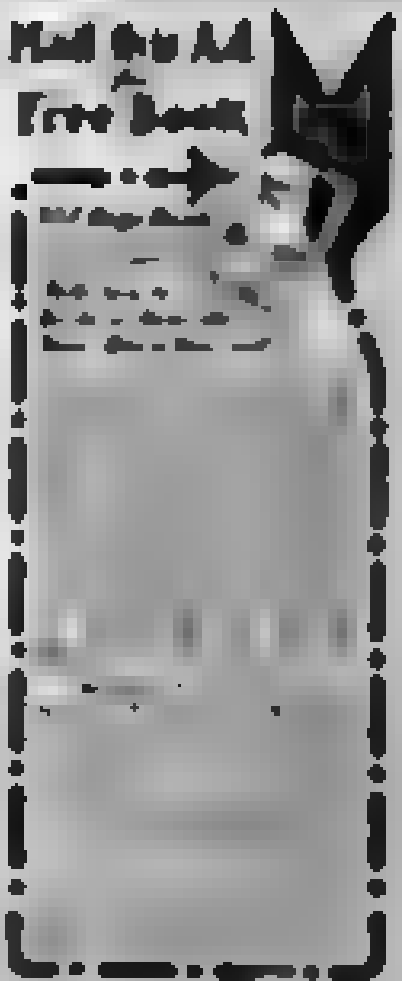

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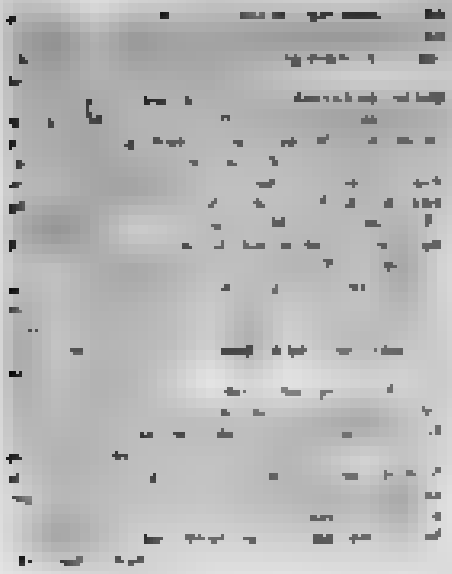

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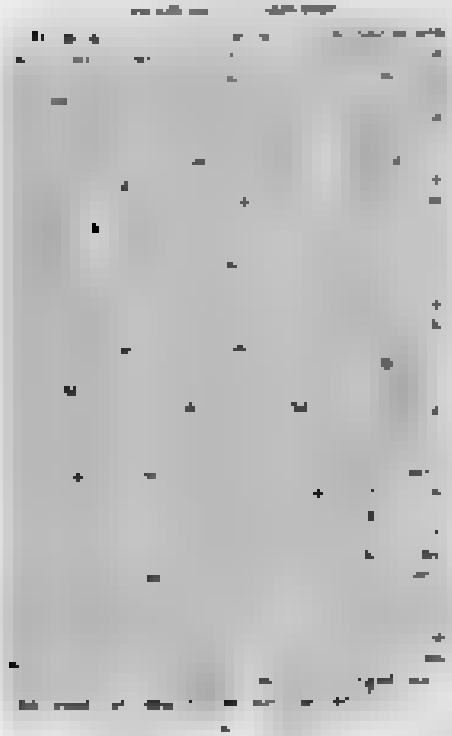

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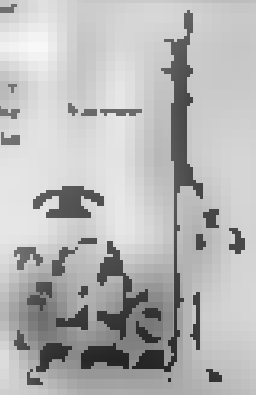

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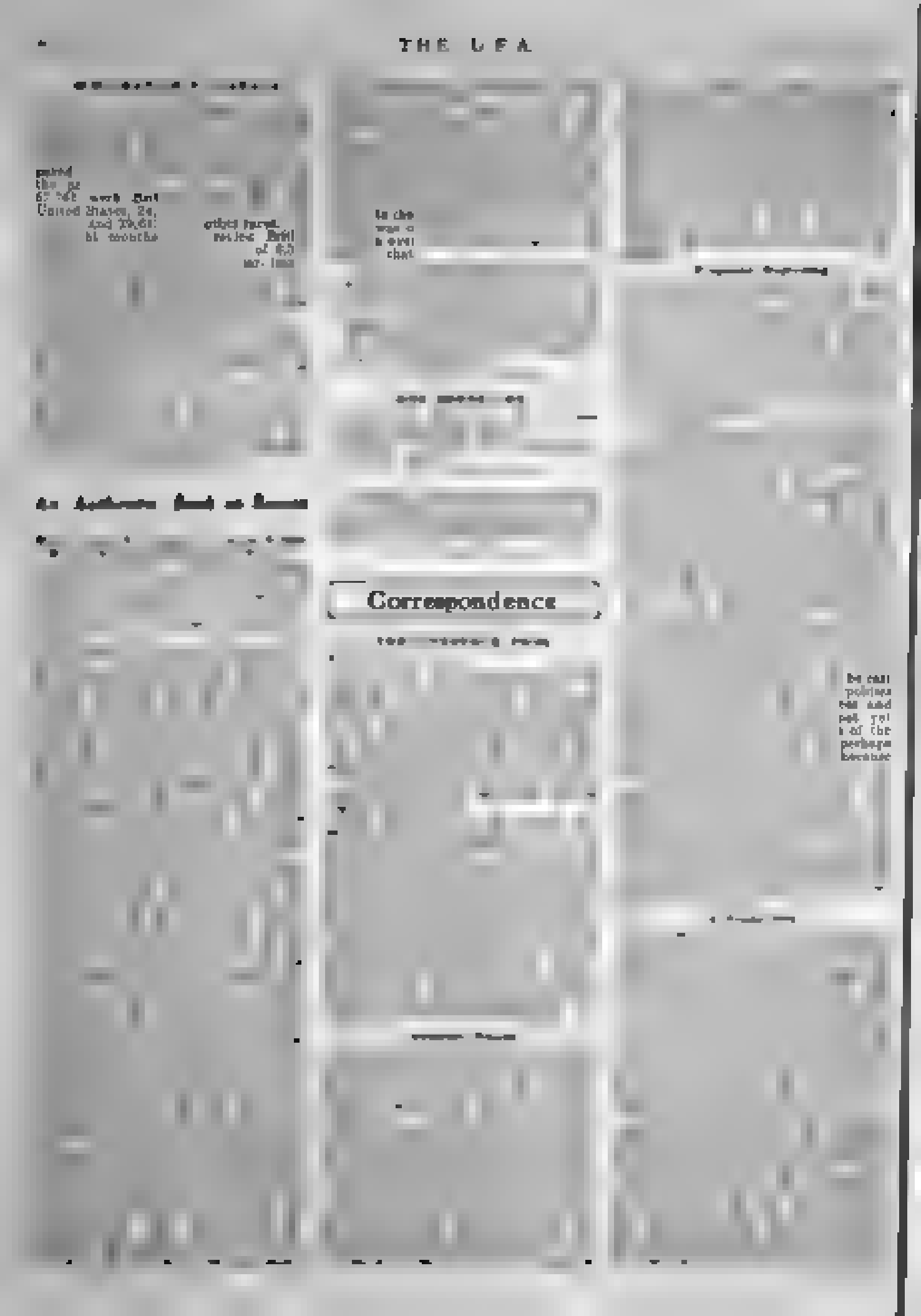

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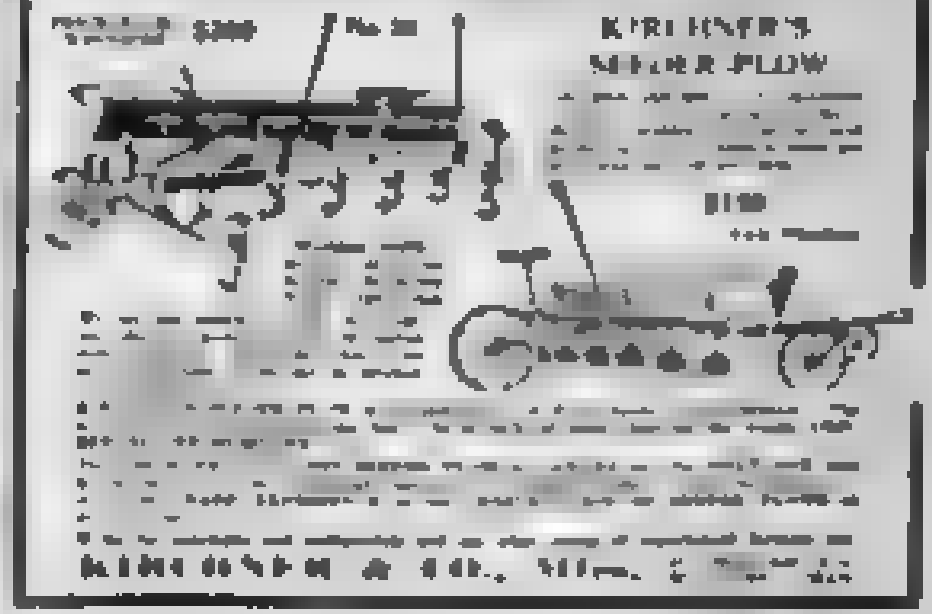

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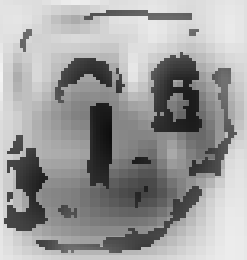

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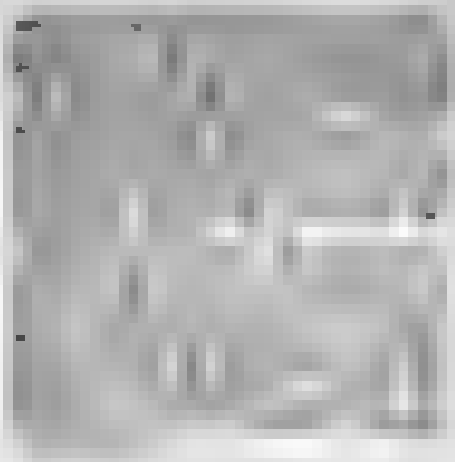

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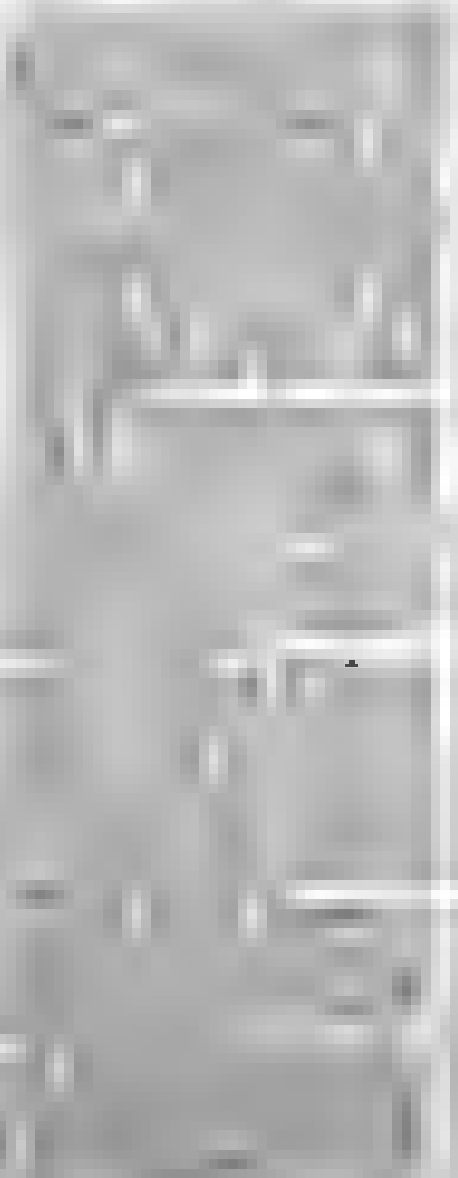

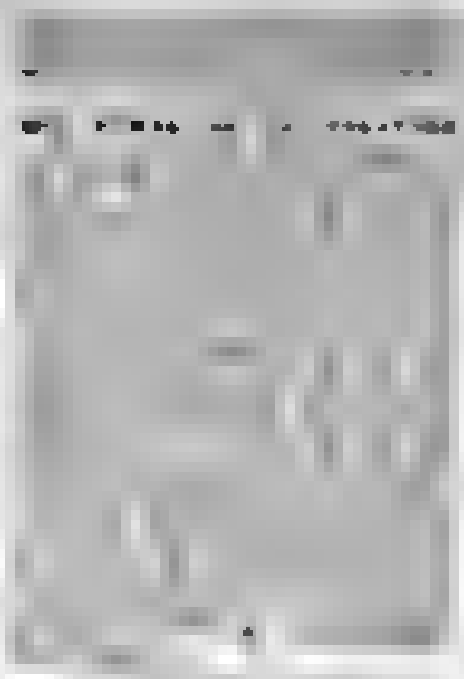

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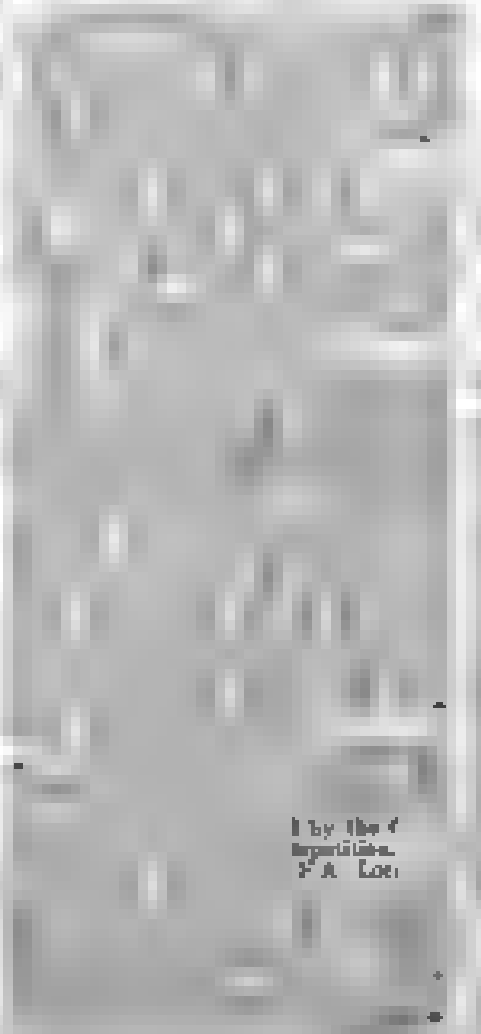

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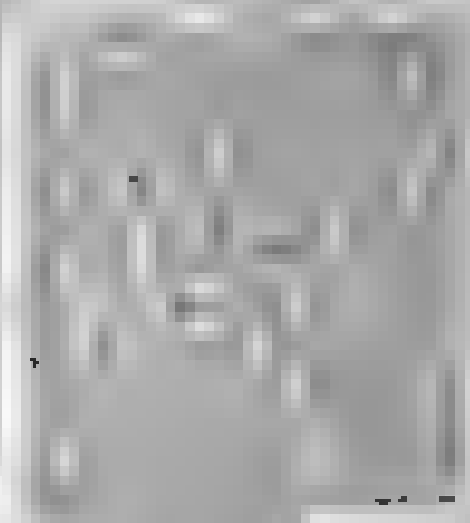

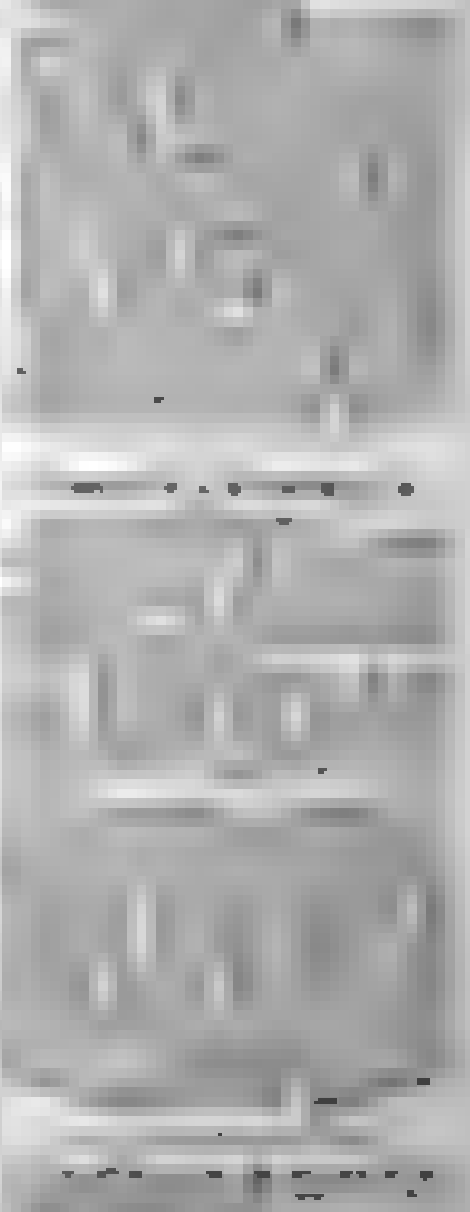

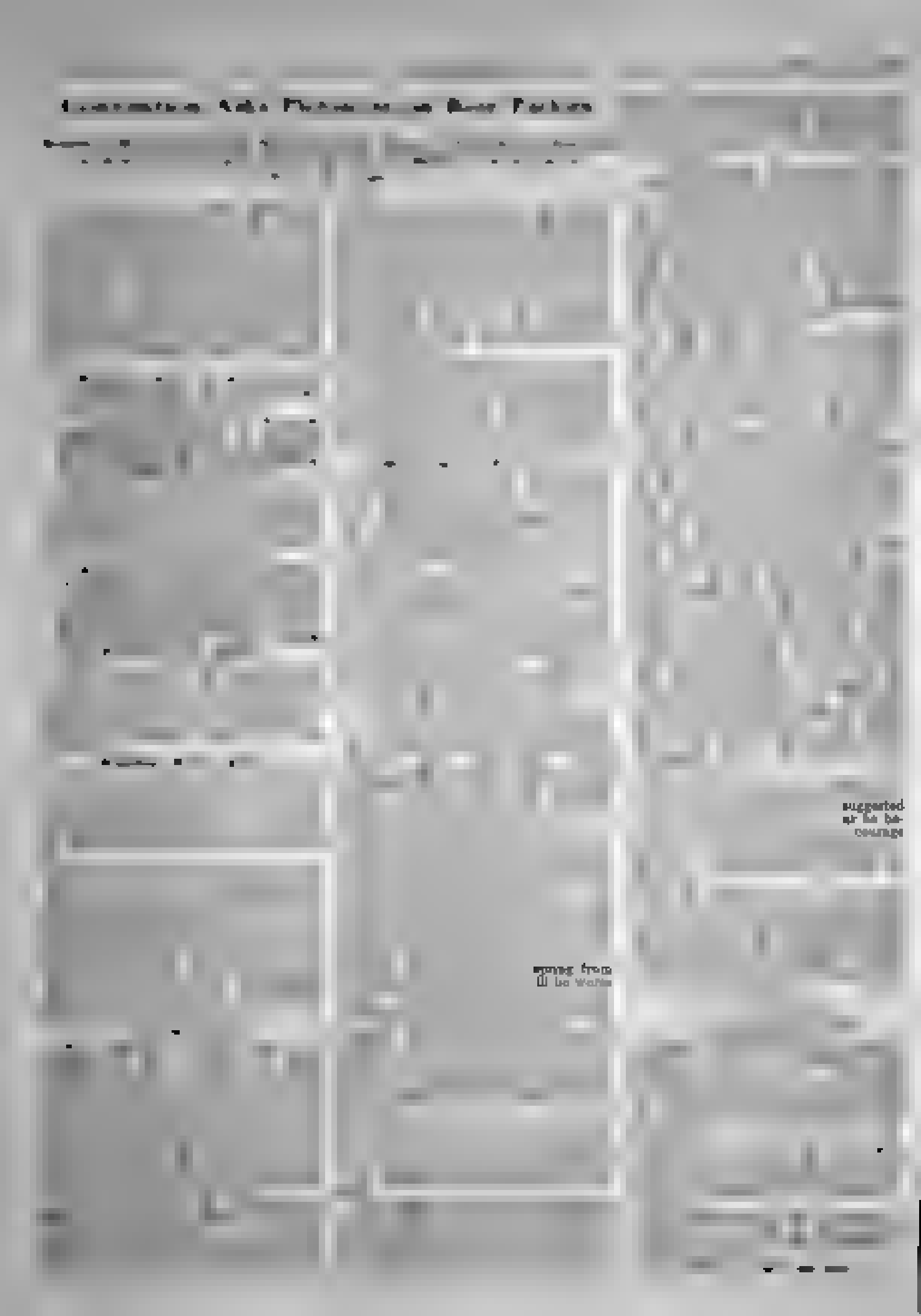

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Handle some particular kind of land,
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who are in sympathy with the aims of the Association to join its ranks and participate actively in all its affairs. The U.F.A. can be exactly what the farmers care to make it. Every member has equal rights with every other in the shaping of its policies. President Wood has stressed the desirability of all members of the Wheat Pool associating themselves with the primary organization, and we would strongly urge every member of every one of the economic organizations of the farmers to join the ranks of the Association. If attendance at meetings is in many cases difficult—to join the association, to participate in the selection of its delegates, and of its officers and representatives in legislative bodies, will nevertheless give added strength to the "Citizenship Pool," and so enable it to face with increased effectiveness the problems of the future.

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LEGISLATIVE SPECIALS DISCONTINUED

The possibility of discontinuance this year of the special weekly issue of *The U.F.A.* during the session of the Legislative Assembly was intimated in the report on the official organ presented to the Annual Convention in behalf of the Central Board, and adopted by the Convention unanimously without discussion. This course has now been decided upon, for reasons set forth in the report on the newspaper published on page 28 of the current issue.

The publication of the extensive weekly record of debates in the Assembly involved heavy costs to the paper, for which there was no special provision, and resulted in a deficit in place of the substantial surplus which would otherwise have been possible. The outlay for the publication of the reports of the session was nearly twice as much as the amount of the deficit. This year it is planned to publish, in the regular semi-monthly issues, a restricted service from the press gallery at Edmonton. Mr. Priestley will again undertake the responsibility of providing the service.

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A PROBLEM OF LEADERSHIP

Speaking at the gathering in his honor during Convention week, President Wood declared that it had been his policy to hold the membership back "in order to avoid the mistakes that grow out of premature action." In the light of this statement it is of interest to note a parallel declaration made by a British statesman of the nineteenth century. "There is a story attributed to Mr. Gladstone," states *The New Leader*, "which has some bearing on this problem of leadership. When his young friends came to him complaining that he was not going fast enough the old man is said to have answered somewhat in the following words: 'It's not my business to go too fast. It's my business to be always pressing back on you to test the strength of the feeling behind me. The greater your pressure—the greater my speed.' True or not, there is a world of wisdom in the story."

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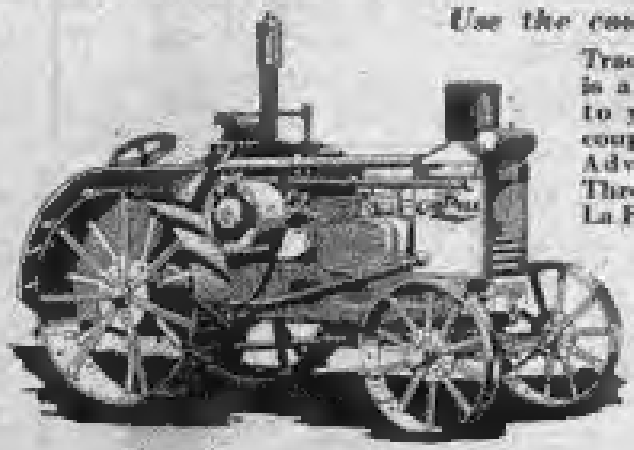

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